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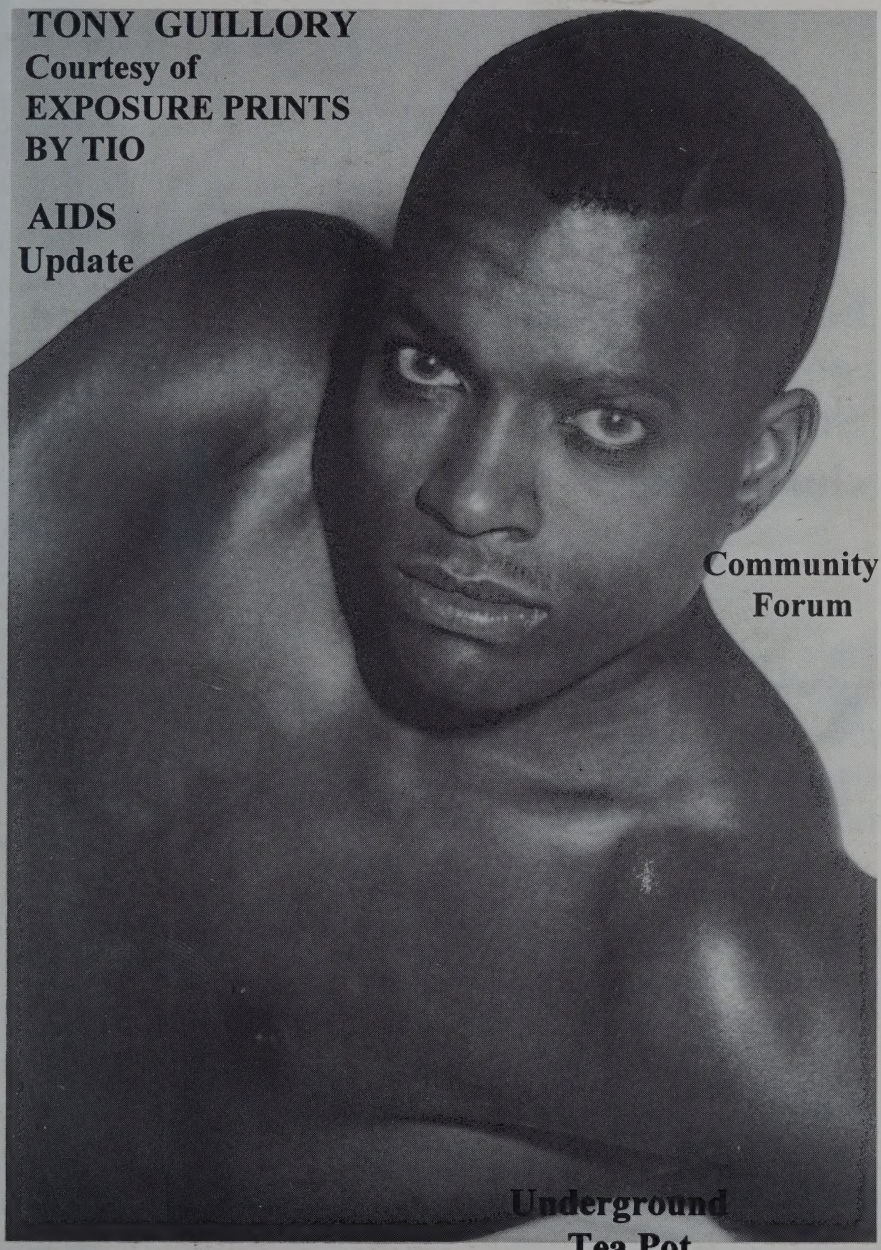

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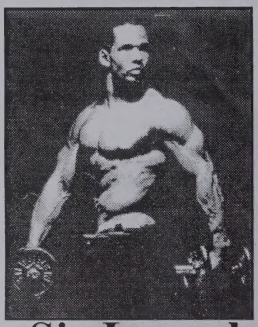

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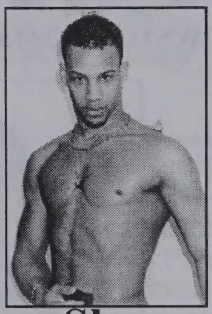

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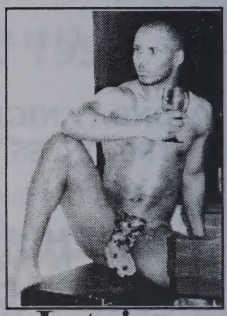

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

As members of two different disadvantaged groups, African-American Gays and Lesbians often find themselves in situations that put these two groups in conflict. Everyday in our lives, the two very unique parts of us fight for the right to make up our minds and to direct our lives.

How often have we had to endure the latest from the "Bangles", "Bon Jovi" or Randy Travis at the larger, predominately white, gay bars. Or how often have we had to overlook the insulting references in rap music and black films, like "punks", "sissies", or "muffin-eaters".

Sometimes it seems the only choice is to not make the choice. We find ourselves refusing to get involved at all if it means compromising our values. One common example is the choice we make at the polls. Rarely do we find candidates for office who wholeheartedly embrace the needs and concerns of gays and minorities. As a result, a lot of us choose "no choice" and don't make it to the polls to vote at all. This is a mistake. By not supporting candidates who are at least neutral on gay or minority issues, we are in fact lending our support to those who oppose advances in these areas.

The solution is to support both gay and minority friendly causes, even when they do not support each other. We must have our voices heard on both fronts. We should show up at all the functions, talk to all the right people, and show our faces in all the right places. Staying "in the closet" on these issues will only make it easier for our opponents to ignore us, or worse, pretend we don't exist.

People fear what they don't understand. Let them get to know us, without the stereotypes, and they will find that we are a viable, productive, and influential part of the community. We do not have horns or fangs. We are not a threat to children. Once they get to know us, and realize we're not going anywhere, then the real advances can be made.

Ken LaMarr, Editor

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Community Forum

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There is no question that a great *"pseudo"* divide exists between the African-American heterosexual and homosexual communities. I say *"pseudo"* because while in most instances we are part of family units, both immediate and extended, worship in churches together, and already work side-by-side on our jobs and in the community, two things are occurring.

The first is that the heterosexual community acts as though gay men and lesbians don't actually exist in the Black community. When a brother or sister is suspected of being gay or lesbian, many excuses are made on behalf of the individual. Excuses like *"he/she hasn't found the right woman/man yet;" "She/he works so hard in the community/church, there's no time for a family;" "He/she has a child that takes up most of his/her time;"* or, *"she/he just needs to find the Lord."*

The second is gay men and lesbians allow this to happen by remaining silent and using the argument that *"my personal life is my business and no one else's concern."* While bedroom activities are indeed personal and private, it is the hiding of one's true self, in this case being gay or lesbian, that keeps the *"pseudo"* divide open and hinders the relationship between the gay/lesbian and their family/friends/colleagues.

In February, 1997, during Black History Month, a huge leap was made towards bridging the great divide between the African-American heterosexual and homosexual communities, and moving towards a more collective and unified entity. Jeff Mason, a heterosexual brother and facilitator of a discussion group which meets monthly in Oak Cliff, Texas, decided that dialogue needed to begin between the two communities, and extended an invitation for Dallas' black gay and lesbian community to share in an open, confidential, and honest forum.

Approximately 40 individuals *(25 males and 15 females; 20 heterosexuals, 18 gay men and 2 lesbians)* all gathered for 3 1/2 hours to discuss topics ranging from biblical matters to the time when gays and lesbians knew the nature of their sexuality. The forum opened with prayer, followed by a viewing of *"All God's Children,"* a documentary prepared by two white lesbians which addressed the need for acceptance and respect of African-American gays and lesbians by the African-American community. The documentary contained comments by African-American leaders Congresswoman Maxine Waters, Reverend Jesse Jackson, Senator Carol Mosely-Braun, The Lavender Light Gospel Choir, made up of black gays and lesbians, and the parents of gay children.

The discussion which followed was both insightful and thought-provoking for all participants, as concerns, fears, myths and realities

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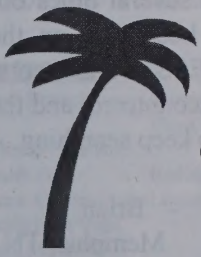

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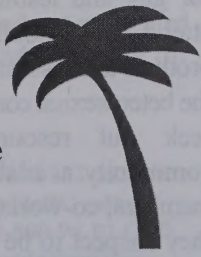

Community Forum (cont.)

were all thrown on the table. A large number of the heterosexual participants had biblical difficulties with homosexuality, citing scriptural references such as the Book of Leviticus and Romans as a clear indication of its wrong. Gay and lesbian participants felt that scripture is to be used in context of its time period, using examples of pork consumption and blending of fabrics as biblical "abominations", as well as the biblical implications of slavery outlined in the Bible, a point of concern to African-Americans. All participants, however, agreed that the *"love ethic"* outlined by Christ, Loving God with all your heart, soul and mind, and loving your neighbor as yourself, is a high priority as we relate to one another.

At the conclusion of the forum, which ended in prayer, the heterosexual brothers and sisters vowed to keep the dialogue going by having future discussions involving this issue, and extended an invitation for gay and lesbians participants to attend the monthly forums. Gay brothers and lesbian sisters challenged the heterosexual community to actively seek out resources in the gay community available for their family members, co-workers, and others who they suspect to be gay or lesbian. All in all, it was a successful and great evening, and a feeling was in the air that the foundation for ending the homophobia in the Dallas' Black community had been laid.

by Linus Spiller
Dallas, TX

LOVERLESS

I'm a 32 year old black man. I consider myself good-looking and good in bed (at least so I've been told). I have a good job and many of friends. The one thing I don't have is a lover. This is strange since that's all I've ever wanted since coming out at age 20. I've taken a close look at myself and tried to correct any problems that would keep me unattached. Oh I've met and dated a few takers in my past, but they never ended up being much. I've frequented and still frequent the club scene. I've joined clubs and organizations to meet other gays. I've even gone to church to meet men, going as far as becoming a member, depending on the prospects there. I've done the 1-900 dating scene, placed ads and even picked up a "corner" boy, without success. I am still loverless. Is there anyone out there truly interested in a monogamous relationship any more? Have I been looking in all the wrong places? I've stopped my search several times but one thing always keeps me on the make - LONELINESS. It's the worst disease I've ever encountered, and the biggest incentive to keep searching.

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WELL, BEING A FUND-RAISER FOR THE CHRISTIAN COALITION IS A TOUGH JOB...
BUT, MOONPIE, SOMEONE'S GOT TO HELP RETURN THIS COUNTRY TO FAMILY VALUES!
YES, EVER SINCE I GOT DEPROGRAMED FROM MY FORMER SEXUALLY PERVERTED LIFESTYLE...
...AND JOINED THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, I'VE DEDICATED MY LIFE TO RIDDING AMERICA OF DEVIANTS!
I STARTED BY KICKING TO THE CURB ALL OF THOSE WRETCHED HOMOSEXUALS I KNEW AND MARRYING MY HIGH-SCHOOL SWEETIE!
OH, YOU'RE MAKING ME SWOON, MY REASON FOR LIVING!
:SNICKER: I... I...I... CAN'T GO ON!! :chuckle" IT'S TOO FUNNY!
:giggle: ME EITHER!
APRIL FOOLS!!
HAD YA'LL GOIN' THERE, DIDN'T WE?
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STAR TEA
Horoscope For April

ARIES Mar 21 - Apr 19

Happy birthday to the rams, ewes and kids. This is your month to focus on yourself. This yearly perspective allows you to evaluate last year's enterprises and set up new plans for the coming year. Saturn, the planet of directions and long term goals, has been in your sign. This has given the rams and ewes more of a serious edge than you are accustom to. Aries is not always a sign that considers the outcome of its actions. Do a lot of planning this month, and then put your plans into action after mid May.

TAURUS April 20 - May 20

This is a very internal month for you. With Mercury retrograding through your sign, rest and retreat are your watchwords for this month. With the planets moving through the area of spiritual and inward reflection in your chart, you are more sensitive to your surroundings than usual. You should be very selective when allowing others to be around you. By the end of the month, you move out of this place and seek new goals and purposes in your life.

GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Friends and associations are spotlighted for this month. This is a great time to get out there and meet people. Your ruling planet, Mercury, goes retrograde on the 14th. Mercury will remain retrograde until mid May. At this time you may feel that you are moving backwards. You are a good idea person; you can come up with solutions just off the top of your head. By mid month, you will have to see if those solutions will work. By the end of the month, you are more internal and need to be more reflective about your inner values.

CANCER June 21 - July 22

Your career and social responsibility sector is being visited by the planets this month. The beginning of the month you will want to get ahead in you career. You may be taking what you do a little too seriously. The real question is, "Are you happy doing what you do?". If you have to hesitate too long about that answer, then you should look at making what you do more fun. By mid month, old friends may come back into the picture and help with career direction choices. It is a great time for review, not for action. Action will be needed in the middle of next month.

LEO Jul 23 - Aug 22

This month you are drawn towards people who are philosophically based. You are interested in getting a bigger picture of how the world and the people in it, operate. Because of this larger view, you are able to see solutions to problems easier. At mid month, Mercury, the planet of communication, goes retrograde in your career sector. If there are problems there, then this will bring them to the surface so that you can do something about them. Relationships continue to go well as you seek excitement in this area of your life. Those of you born July 29th through August 1st are getting itchy feet in the relationship arena.

VIRGO Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

Mars, the planet of action, confrontation and selfness, continues his retrograde journey through your sign. You are more short tempered than usual and you may even be having a difficult time sleeping. Others may find that you are a bit edgy and keep their distance. This is a good time for exercise or any kind of physical activity. It is also a good time to consider a new diet regime. This month you are looking at the deeper meaning of relationships. If there are problems in your relationship, you will want to dig them out and find a solution.

Next month is a good month for travel.

LIBRA Sept 23 - Oct. 22

This month the planets are in your partnership area of your chart for the sign that rules partnerships. You aren't able to find just the right balance as you usually can do. You don't seem to be able to compromise as easily, either. By mid month, with Mercury going retrograde, this idea will brought home even more. This will be a time when partnerships are renewed or ended. This holds true for business and personal relationships.

SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You are working very hard this month to get your office and your life in order. Work relationships may be more tense than usual. Mercury, the planet of communication, goes retrograde in the area that signifies relationships. This means that any problems in current relationships will not be avoided or side stepped. By the end of the month, partnership issues take on a larger part of your life.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Your creative juices are overflowing this month. Get out those paper towels. You are feeling optimistic and hopeful about even the most difficult situations. This is a great time to market yourself in business. If you have your own business, this is a good time to network or to advertise. By mid month, you will be feeling the need to get your office cleaned up. Mercury, the planet of definition and brain activity, is going retrograde in the work and health arena of your horoscope. You need to get your workplace and your body into better shape. This trend strengthens as the month comes to an end.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

During the month of April, the planets are visiting your solar 4th house of home, family and genetic roots. This is a time of strong nesting instincts. You will be drawn to making your home a more comfortable place. This may even motivate you to move to a new apartment or purchase a home. Family issues may come up at this time and you may have to take a trip back home to visit the parental units. This is stronger at mid month as Mercury goes retrograde at this time. Children and childlike activity becomes more prominent toward the end of the month.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

This is the month to get your ideas and views out there. Your communication skills are very strong this month. You will be impatient with those that don't go as fast as you. At mid month, Mercury, the planet of order and analysis, goes retrograde in the area of home and family. This is the classic "Spring Cleaning Time". Don't be surprised if you see family members that you haven't seen in a long time. Home and family become more important as the month ends.

PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

Money and self worth are the topics for you this month. It seems so natural with April 15th, IRS day, coming up. At you job, you may want a raise or even just want to be appreciated for what you are doing. You are also wanting to get rid of debt or anything else that might make your feel trapped. In relationships, the sense of being valued by your partner will also have an impact. Relationship issues continue to come to the surface as Mars, the planet of confrontation and action, visits your relationship area of your horoscope. This is a great time for therapy, a couple's workshop or a talk across the dinner table.

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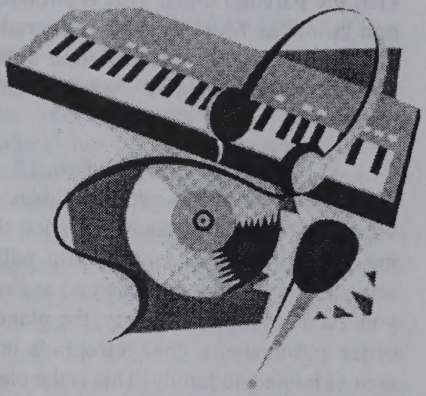

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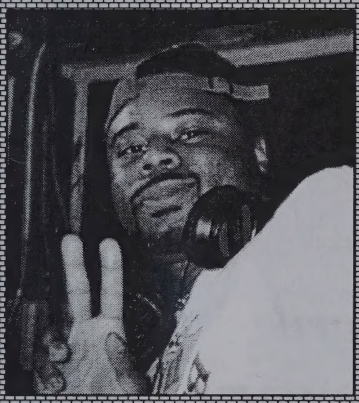

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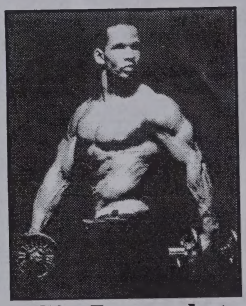

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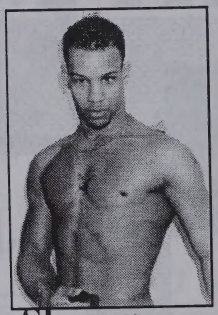

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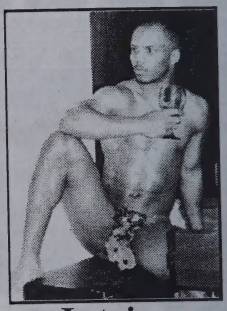

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Also in April

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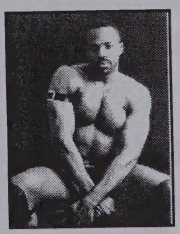

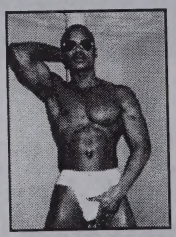

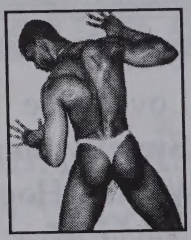

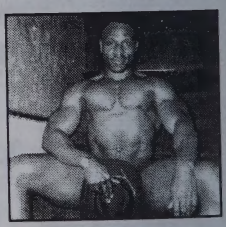

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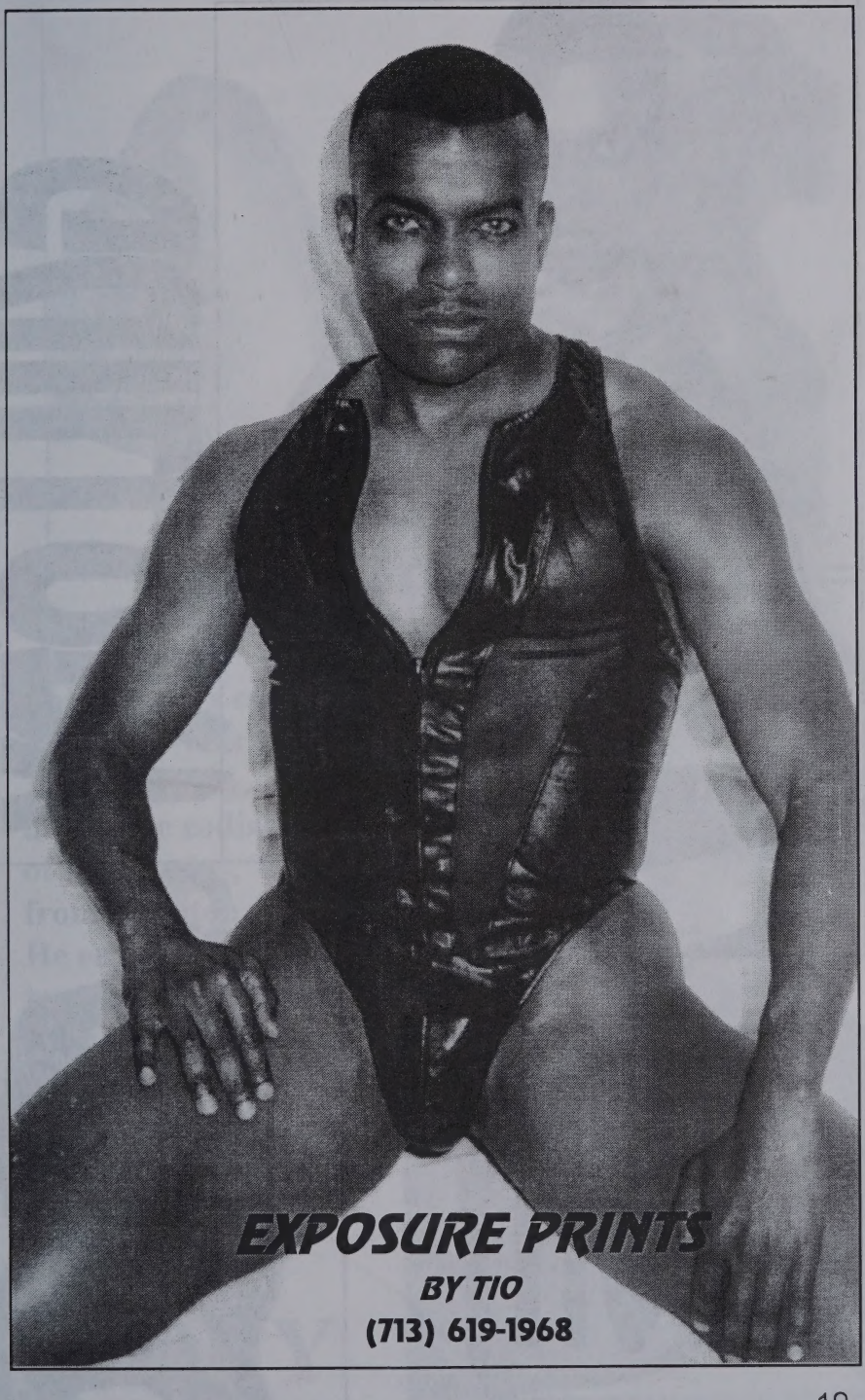
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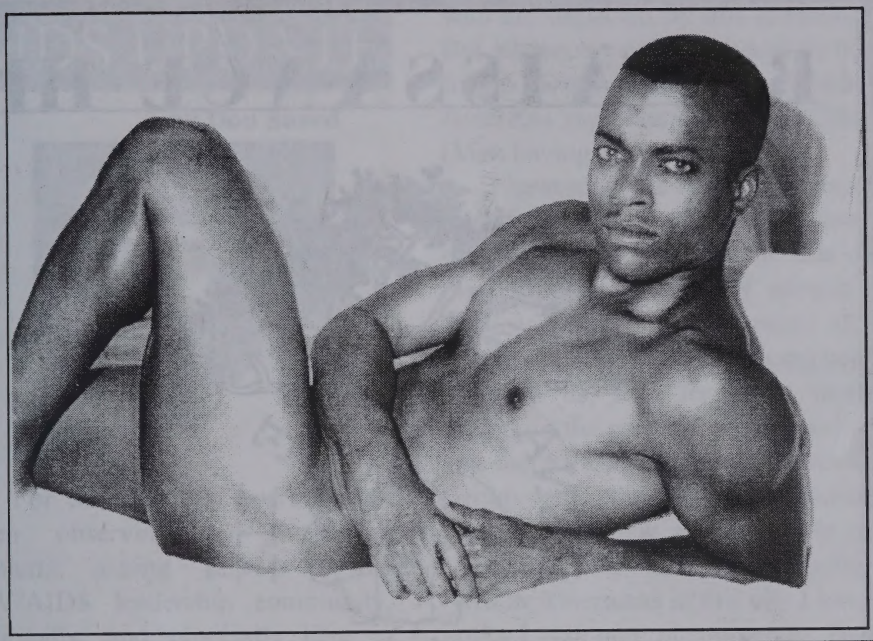

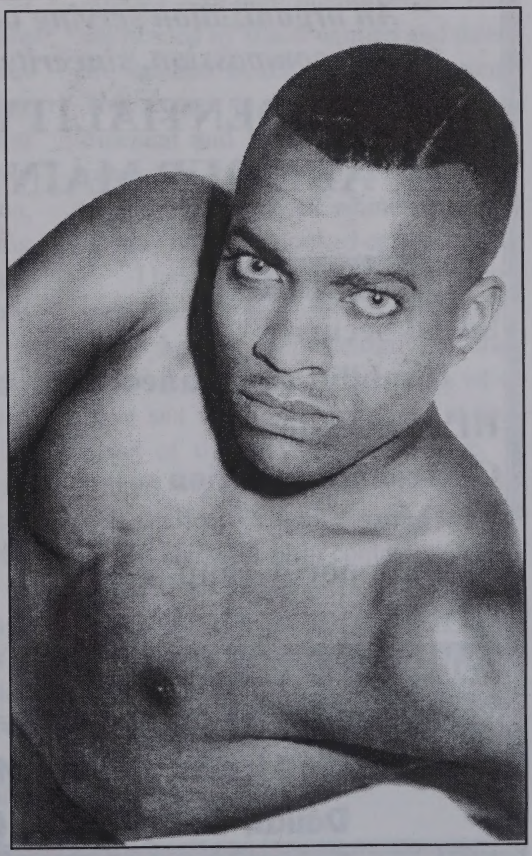

This month's cover man is 30-year old Tony Guillory. Born under the zodiac sign of Sagittarius, Tony is from Houston, Tx. He enjoys swimming, tennis, and aerobics, which makes for an easy job as Fitness and Aerobics Coordinator at Houston's downtown YMCA.

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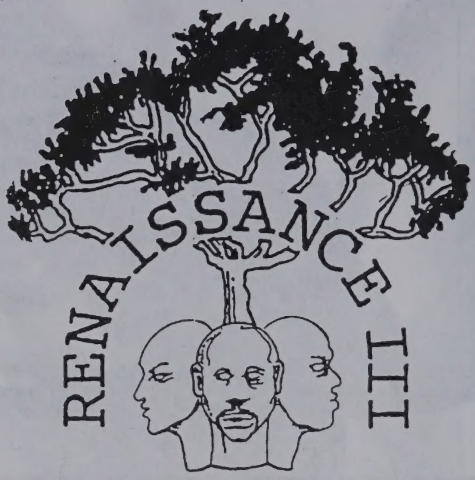

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AIDS UPDATE

by Don Sneed

For the past two years I have been observing an interesting dynamic taking place in the HIV/AIDS leadership community, nationally, and especially here in Dallas. It has begun to appear, more and more, that HIV/AIDS services targeting African Americans is being directed towards Black women and straight Black men. I can't even say that services (health, education, prevention and outreach) is being switched from Black gay and bisexual men to these "emerging" populations since there has never been a concerted effort to target Black gay and bisexual men in the first place!

Here is an example: on April 17, 1997 the U.S. Public Health Service is sponsoring a "Women and HIV: A Treatment Update." The impetus for this seminar is a recent publication by the National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC) entitled: "The Challenges of HIV/AIDS for Women of Color and Their Families." I applaud this effort of the U.S. Public Health Service to address the needs of women of color who are impacted by this epidemic. But, please, my public servants do not forget about me and mine - African American gays, bisexuals and MSMs (Men having Sex with Men).

I have spent the last four years of my life working on behalf of Black men in this city to stem the tide of this epidemic and to get adequate services for us. I do not recall any conference or seminar ever being held targeting us, save for some small efforts on the part of George Keaton and the African American Outreach Group and the AIDS Resource Center. As I look at the people of color agencies that are targeting African Americans in this city I have noticed a strange phenomenon: five are headed by Black women and three are headed by Black straight men. This is not to say that Black gay, bisexual and MSMs have not been served by these agencies but it is to say that HIV+ Black women have in no way been overlooked or neglected.

I have stated many times to many individuals, government officials, HIV agency representatives and others that, in Dallas, Black men who have sex with other men, are at the heart of the HIV epidemic here. I submit that none of us will be able to get an effective handle on the spread of this epidemic or in contact with the majority of those infected until we effectively address the needs and problems of the people at the heart of this epidemic.

Here are some interesting facts that drive home my point:

AIDS UPDATE CONT.

1. "In the African American Community, over the last five years, HIV infections in African American MSMs have been and continue to be at the epicenter of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the Black community in Dallas County." Dr. Charles Haley, MD., former Chief Epidemiologist for Dallas County.

2. "AIDS is now the leading cause of death for African American men, and the *third* leading cause for African American women between 15 - 35 years of age. Estimates are that "1 of every 50 Black men in the United States aged 18 - 59 may be infected." Dr. M. Keith Rawlings, MD., Associate Medical Director Southeast Dallas Health Center, COPC

3. A recent report by the Dallas County STD Clinic found that from January through August of 1996, 65 African Americans tested positive for HIV. Forty nine of these new cases were men and 16 we female. That is a ratio of 3 to 1!

4. As of March 1, 1997 there were 2,007 cases of AIDS in African Americans reported by the Dallas County Health Department. They do not break down this data to report the number of males and females but please believe the vast majority of these 2,007 individuals are gay and bisexual men.

All available evidence points to the Black gay and bisexual community when it comes to identifying where the greatest needs are. For the one thousandth time I submit that until we do something to effectively address this epidemic in African American gay and bisexual men we will be unable to do something to effectively address it in African American women.

And this brings me to our part. Black gay, bisexual and MSMs must get up off of our asses and get busy doing everything that we can to stem the tide of this epidemic and help those who are already infected. Yes, in this last year we have made some strides, but there is so very much more that each of us can do. Remember, it is not the responsibility of straight Black men and women to save us from ourselves! It was, is and will continue to be **our responsibility**. I am not complaining or placing blame. I am merely bringing to your attention what is happening and why we are getting infected, suffering and dying in numbers far disproportionate to what we represent in the general Black population of this city.

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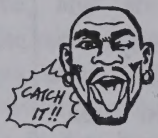

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BACKSTAGE AT THE OSCARS

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The Academy Awards showed Cuba Gooding, Jr. an Oscar for best supporting actor during the Oscar's for his role as over- the-top athlete Rod Tidwell in "Jerry Maguire." Cuba's win makes him the third African American man to take home an Oscar in the best supporting actor category. Louis Gossett, Jr. won in 1982 for his role in "An Officer and a Gentleman" and Denzel Washington won in 1989 for "Glory." When asked about his thoughts on so few black men having won and been nominated in the supporting acting category, Cuba (who always shies away from racial issues believe us, we've asked and he won't answer) only had this to say backstage: "I want to say hi to Denzel. Damn, it feels good, brother. My goodness. Hi, Sidney" (in reference to Sidney Poitier being the only black man to win a lead actor Oscar for his 1963 role in 'Lilies In the Field). "Hopefully I'll be there someday...I love you anyway though I'm not there." Cuba was the only black person to take home an Oscar this year.

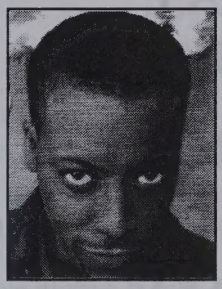
MARTIN CALLS IT QUITS

The "Martin" show will not be back after this season. The sitcom's final episode will air May 1. Given all the problems show star Martin Lawrence has had and the recent sexual harassment allegations by co- star Tisha Campbell, the cancellation is no surprise. Lawrence says he wants to concentrate on his

film career. A "Martin" spin-off starring Tachina Arnold is in the works.

ARSENIO DUMPED

ABC is yanking the comedy "Arsenio" from it's midseason schedule due to poor ratings (and not to mention so-so reviews). However, the show, starring Arsenio Hall and Vivica Fox, could get a second chance. The network and producers, Dreamworks Television, are talking about reworking the sitcom and shooting a new pilot for the upcoming fall season. We'll keep you posted.



Electronic Urban Report

The ChittLin Sisters

Drag has been the cornerstone of the Black Gay entertainment circuit for as long as we began to frequent the gay club scene. Many black gay performers have, and are now holding some the most prestigious titles in the Drag arena. There is now a new act which I'm sure you won't be seeing in any beauty or entertainer pageant. They are The ChittLin Sisters. The ChittLin Sisters played by Auwayne Dumas (aka Lady PT), as Chitt, and Joe Taylor Jr. (aka Sophia McIntosh), as Lin, is a new comedy team they say will eventually crossover to the straight community and may even be seen on HBO someday. Dumas and Taylor play two soulful foul talking elderly sisters that carry a little animosity towards one another. One for abandoning the family at a young age, and the other for being Mama's favorite. The sisters have a very religious background that enables them to

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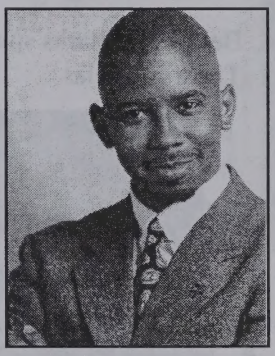
break out in prayer at any moment. They also can speak like sailors and often do, especially when challenged by an audience member, who are often brought into the show. You will often see the sisters break into a religious song during the show, totally impromptu, accompanied by Chitt on a keyboard on stage. They plan to introduce other characters from their family. A recent show featured Chitt's long lost abandoned daughter Olivia, who was upset at Chitt for abandoning her. They have scheduled future shows entitled: "Here come Mama.", "The Funeral", "The Birth", and "Cousin Turnip". There has been some criticism of the show from some Black Gays that feel that the show is a mockery of God or blasphemous. Its ironic that straight people have always taught and told gays that we're going to hell, and now Gays are the ones that are saying "you're goin to HELL". The ChittLin Sisters add a refreshing change to the Gay entertainment circuit and hopefully will continue to grow and give something new and extra to the Black Gay community. They can be seen every other Friday at The Metro Club in Dallas. For bookings call The Underground Station at (972) 283-1047.

BLACK AND GAY
CARTER HEYWOOD

Hurray for Spin City, and Michael Boatman who plays Carter Heywood, an openly gay character on the ABC network comedy show. This is the first time a full-time openly gay African American male character has been allowed to exist in prime-time television. The character Carter, serves as assistant for minority affairs to the mayor of New York City. Although his sexually is not the focus of the show, Carter discusses his love relationships openly and confronts the homophobes who cross his path. Hopefully Carter Heywood will remind the world that we do exist, in large numbers and are really just like everybody else.



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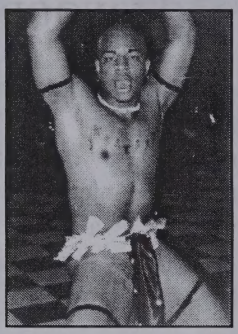
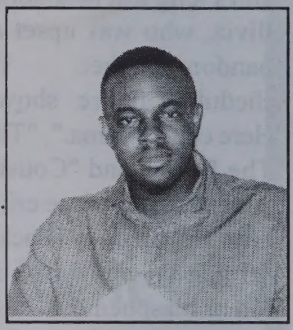


←TRAXX in Dallas lets Pearl Tongue show off as he performs his strip tease.

Above, Kenny and Kay, bartenders at Club Attraxxions in New Orleans know how to enjoy their jobs.

Below, DJ Starks spins the sounds at Traxx in Dallas.

Tye, ➔ takes a break to chill out at Club Attraxxions.



Below, Kianna VanMichaels poses after a Sunday night performance at Club City Lights in Jackson, Miss.

← Brown Suga at Traxx keeps the crowd entertained very easily.

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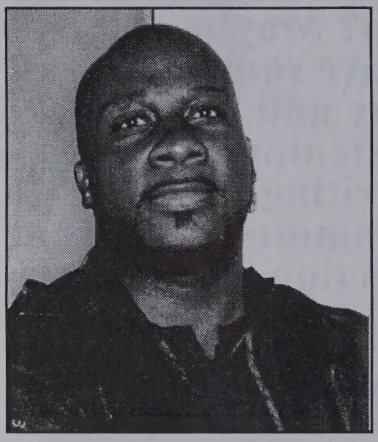
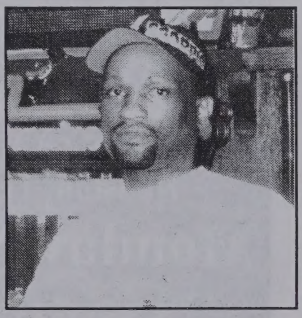
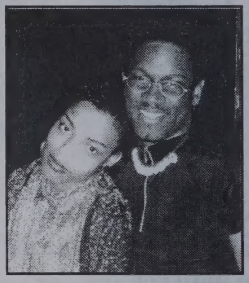


Above, The Miss Metro was a grueling competition at The Metro Club in Dallas. The new Miss Metro '97-'98 is Silky O'Hara (m), and First Runner-up, who also won the Amazing Grace Talent Award is Jazmyne Kellie (l), Second Runner-up is Amber Starr (r).

Below, Orlando at Club City Lights keeps the bar in order and also finds enough time to pose for a quick shot.



Mia (l) and her friend enjoy themselves at the Miss Metro Pageant.



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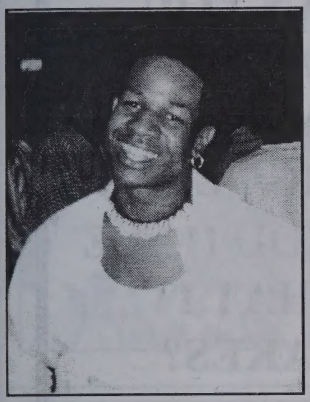
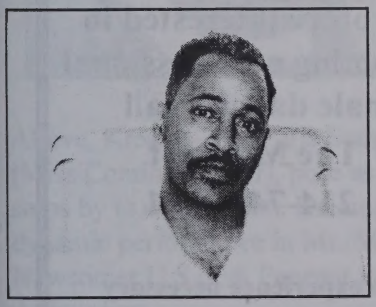
Miss Metro Silky O'Hara poses with her choreographer Roger after her BIG win.

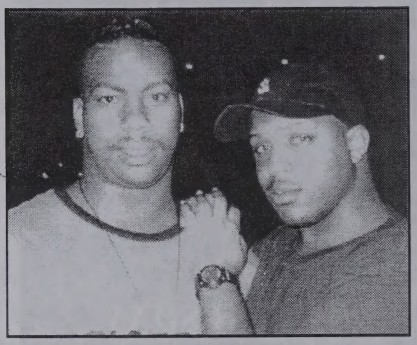
HOT TEAPOT...

Below, Alicia Kellie? Out of her Alicia Kellie drag, he poses at N-cognito Memphis. Also, congratulations to Alicia on her winning the recent talent night finals at The Metro in Dallas. Her prize.... $500.00 in cash.



Below, Owner of N-cognito in Memphis, Terryl has big plans for his new venture, an opening of N-cognito in Jackson, Miss.





Above, Damian (l) and Elmo (r) pose while partying at Wolfendales in New Orleans.

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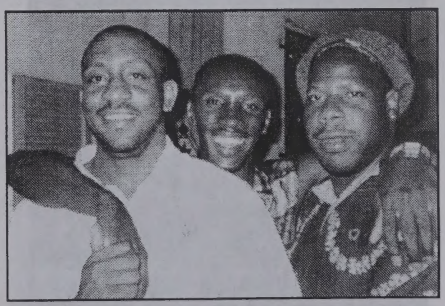

Above, Chuck, Willie, and Terry (l,m,r) let loose on Saturday night at Wolfendales.

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Below, 3-Inch Heels review at Club Attraxxions pause for photo-op before tearing up the stage.

Below, Kreama, Kye, and Bliss (l,m,r) pose backstage in New Orleans.

Above, Kreama, and Paris Frantz (Miss Continental)(l,r), pose as Paris stops by to congratulate Kreama on a dynamic performance in Mr./Miss Newcomer U S of A Pageant at Club Attraxxions.

The UNDERGROUND TEA POT

Lawanda ➜ Jackson(r) and Grover (l), pose at Incognito in Houston.

Below, McHenry, Incognito-Houston, crew member, poses while hard at work.

Below, Houston favorite, Cookie LaCooke(l) poses with friend Michael, at the Backyard Club in Houston.

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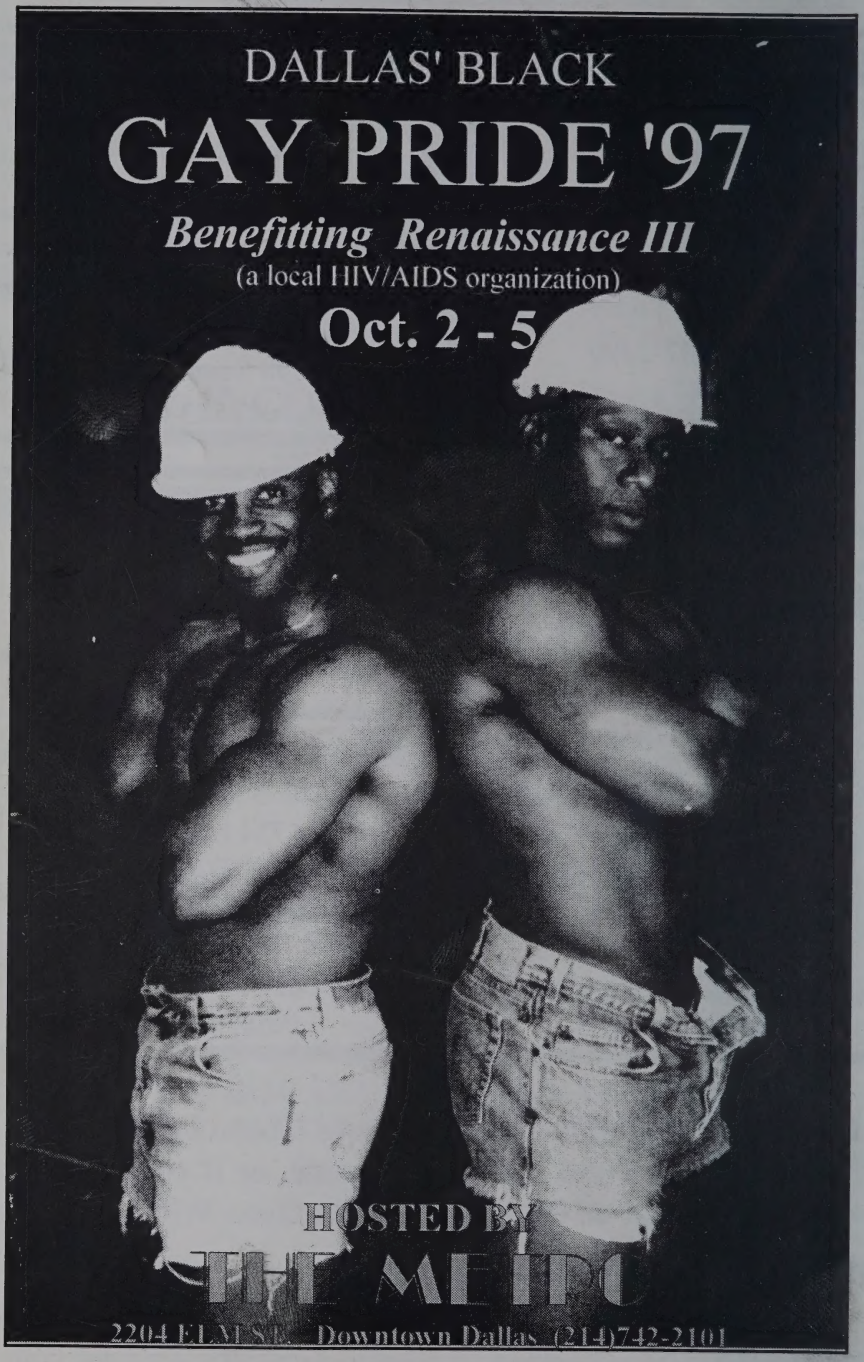

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